

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 960

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor Katie Christine Middleton for being an exceptional teacher and orchestra director.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Katie Christine Middleton is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Middleton received her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and she recently received a full scholarship to the Hartt School Master of Music Education program at the University of Hartford in order to earn a master's degree in pedagogy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Middleton has served with acumen and alacrity as an Orchestra Director at Bearden High School and Assistant Orchestra Director at West Valley Middle School for five years; and

WHEREAS, outside of her responsibilities as an educator, Ms. Middleton also works with the Knoxville Youth Symphony Orchestra, where she holds the position of Youth Orchestra Association Assistant Conductor; she is also a member and secretary of the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Middleton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Middleton was named the 2014 Tennessee Governor's School of Arts Nominee for Outstanding Teacher Award and received the 2003-2004 National Orchestra Award; and

WHEREAS, Katie Middleton truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Katie Middleton truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Katie Middleton on her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.